

SafeFutures Sites

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Looking for the best way to keep kids out of trouble?

SafeFutures, a community-
oriented approach for
reducing juvenile crime
and victimization



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SafeFutures . . . A Real Solution

Family breakdown, school failure, substance abuse, gangs, and related problems can cause children and families to get into trouble. Throughout the country, communities are working together to eliminate abuse and keep young people out of trouble.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has responded by creating the SafeFutures program. This locally based initiative seeks to prevent and reduce delinquency and victimization by intervening quickly when children and teens encounter problems and by holding them responsible when they commit violent or other crimes.

Through the SafeFutures initiative, local government, organizations, and volunteers work together to provide appropriate services for children and families and to create safer, healthier communities. They also build partnerships among service agencies to share resources and reduce duplication of services.

In 1996, OJJDP awarded SafeFutures demonstration grants to six communities in the following States: California, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, and Washington.

Unique Communities— Unique Services

SafeFutures sites are located in one rural, one tribal, and four urban areas. While the goals of the individual sites vary, they all try to develop the best possible ways to help the families in their communities.

Each SafeFutures site provides a combination of programs and services that build on the community's strengths and fill the unmet needs. The diverse offerings include mental health services, day care for children of teen parents completing school, job search and skill training, gang prevention efforts, mentoring, afterschool programs for school age children, graduated sanctions for crimes, and skill building for parents.

Promising Steps

The SafeFutures programs have improved services and created innovative new programs in their communities which have seen . . .

- ☐ Reductions in violent crimes and gun-related deaths, and
- ☐ Increased numbers of young people staying in school.

While program innovations vary across sites, examples of accomplishments include:

- ☐ Quick response teams of police and community workers to prevent gangs.

- ☐ Creative work and volunteer experiences for teens.
- ☐ Recreational programs that offer healthy alternatives to the "streets."
- ☐ Special mental health services for families whose daughters are involved in gangs.
- ☐ An acclaimed dance troupe that teaches young people about their culture, history, and traditions.
- ☐ One-stop shopping for health, counseling, and educational services for youth and families.
- ☐ A residential facility for teens who have mental health or substance abuse problems.
- ☐ An innovative youth court for young first-time offenders charged with misdemeanors. An adult judge oversees the process as teens serve as attorneys and jury.
- ☐ New outreach programs for refugees.
- ☐ Policy changes that make it easier for families to get needed services.
- ☐ An alternative school.
- ☐ And more . . .

Learn more about SafeFutures

To learn more about SafeFutures go to OJJDP's Web site at www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm

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